

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD'S 2002 CLEAN AIR PLAN: STRATEGIES FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE

The California Air Resources Board (Board or ARB) will conduct a public meeting to consider approval of the 2002 Clean Air Plan, the ARB's short and long-range plan for achieving more healthful air in California.

DATE: April 25, 2002

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Headquarters Building
Central Valley Hearing Room, Second Floor
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, California 95814

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., April 25, 2002, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., April 26, 2002. This item may not be considered until April 26, 2002. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before April 25, 2002, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

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The proposed Clean Air Plan would establish the framework for the ARB's efforts to improve air quality across California. Finding new ways to reduce air pollution is an important public health issue. The health impact of air pollution ranges from increased respiratory illness, including asthma, to premature death in individuals with heart and lung disease. Children can be especially susceptible to the impacts of air pollution. ARB's Children's Health Study in Southern California has shown that higher exposures to air pollution result in decreased lung function growth and more asthma attacks.

The Clean Air Plan describes the emission reduction programs ARB staff would pursue over the next decade to reduce pollution through 2020. Many of the strategies would be developed in the near-term to cut pollution and risk in communities, and to help California meet its obligations under State and federal law. Long-term measures would support the move to a zero or near-zero

emission future. The Clean Air Plan consolidates the ARB's emissions and risk reduction programs in one document, thereby helping regulated industries and the public to anticipate future control efforts and enhancing opportunities for multi-pollutant benefits.

The Clean Air Plan proposes development of regulatory and voluntary strategies to reduce emissions and health risk. The strategies include: regulations and enforcement programs for State and federal agencies; technical evaluations to support State and local air district measures; voluntary efforts to reduce transportation demand, such as incentives; and labeling and education programs to encourage public action that reduces pollution.

The emission reduction opportunities discussed in the Clean Air Plan are numerous, but each opportunity is smaller than in the past due to the success of State, local, and federal programs. Most of the strategies in the proposed Clean Air Plan would achieve less than 10 tons per day of emission reductions statewide. In aggregate, however, the strategies will take California a long way toward reducing air toxics risk and attaining health-based air quality standards.

The Clean Air Plan would not be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Accordingly, the measures in the Clean Air Plan would not become enforceable or legally binding on either the ARB or the regulated public. However, some air districts in California are currently revising their SIPs to attain federal standards for ozone, particulate matter, and carbon monoxide. The strategies identified in the Clean Air Plan would form the basis for new measures in these future SIPs, and each SIP will include selected Plan measures tailored to local needs.

Over the next two years, the South Coast and the San Joaquin Valley Districts will revise their ozone and particulate matter plans to incorporate the new science from the Central and Southern California Ozone Studies; these updates will require new control measures. The SIP development process for each region will provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the new State and federal measures proposed for inclusion in the SIP. ARB staff will participate with the districts in the public workshop process to solicit comments on the control measures for each region.

Copies of the proposed Plan and related documents can be found at the ARB's web site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/caplan/caplan.htm>. This web site will also display notices of public workshops on the Plan that the ARB intends to hold prior to the April 25, 2002, Board meeting. Alternatively, written copies of the Clean Air Plan may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, 1st Floor, Environmental Resources Center, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 322-2990. The proposed Plan includes the ARB's analysis of the potential adverse environmental impacts of the Clean Air Plan, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Further inquiries concerning the Clean Air Plan may be directed to the designated agency contact person: Ms. Kim Heroy-Rogalski, Manager, State Implementation Plan Development Section, at (916) 327 - 2200.

If you are a person with a disability and desire to obtain this document in an alternative format, please contact the ARB Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at (916) 323-4916, or TDD (916) 324-9531, or (800) 700-8326 for TDD calls from outside the Sacramento area.

The public may present comments on the Clean Air Plan, including the environmental analysis for the Plan, orally or in writing at the meeting, and in writing or by e-mail before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not physically submitted at the meeting must be **received no later than 12:00 noon, April 24, 2002**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail is to be sent to:

Clerk of the Board
Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street, 23rd Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic mail is to be sent to cap@listserv.arb.ca.gov and received at the ARB **no later than 12:00 noon, April 24, 2002**.

Facsimile submissions are to be transmitted to the Clerk of the Board at (916) 322-3928 and received at the **ARB no later than 12:00 noon, April 24, 2002**.

The Board requests, but does not require, that 30 copies of any written statement be submitted. The ARB also requests that written and e-mail statements be filed at least 10 days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each comment. The ARB encourages members of the public to bring to the attention of staff in advance of the meeting any suggestions for modifications to the proposed Plan. Following the public meeting, the Board may approve the Clean Air Plan as originally proposed, or approve the Plan with modifications.

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Michael P. Kenny
Executive Officer

Date: March 12, 2002